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Beat The Rush

Please give us your copy on Mondays or at least by noon on Tuesdays. We are trying not to get swamped Tuesday nights.

Arts Programs Are Flourishing With Strong Community Support

by Dorothy Sucher

For the year and a half since she came here, Nicole DeWald, Greenbelt's lively, creative arts coordinator, has been inaugurating programs, networking with community groups, and causing an occasional controversy — all in the name of developing "quality arts programs that will be available on an ongoing basis."

DeWald loves her job — that much is obvious.

When she speaks of it her eyes shine, her slender body radiates enthusiasm, and even her mass of curly hair seems electrified by her energy. "It's a wonderful opportunity," she says. "I

feel so fortunate! Greenbelt is going through a time of growth and exploration in the arts, and it's great to be a part of it."

The thing she likes best about her work, she says, is "the breadth. It's very exciting. It's partly because Greenbelt is still a relatively small town. I do have support, but I get to be involved with diverse people and a range of services. I just love that — and the open-mindedness of the recreation department, the city, and the community."

A Yankee in Greenbelt

DeWald grew up in Rockland, Massachusetts, a town between Boston and Cape Cod where the

New England tradition of town meetings is still alive and well. She is the only child of a "very Yankee and very nautical" family. Her father was active in the local Jaycees, and "I always went along to events like the Fourth of July festival."

When she came to Greenbelt to interview for her present job, she says, "They were setting up for the Fourth of July and I couldn't find a parking space. I felt right at home."

An Active Artist

Art was "something I always did" — and despite her busy schedule, it still is. She participates in two or three shows a year, but she likes not having the pressure of trying to make a living as an artist.

For the past year she has been creating a series of "books," some of them very dense and painterly and others made of recycled plastics and other "found" materials. The text is minimal, and "mostly drawn from technical manuals — I really love misreading the scientific vernacular. The terminology can be so suggestive of other meanings." For DeWald, creating art is a spiritual process she tries to approach "with humility."

State of the Arts

The "State of the Arts" 2001 review she has just prepared for the City Council crams an admirable record of solid accomplishments and planning for the future into six closely-typed pages. DeWald may be young — "Not that young," she protests; after all, she graduated college ten years ago, got her master's two years later, and has been working in her field ever since — but she is definitely an achiever.

It's hard to define her role. Sometimes she is a hands-on organizer and arranger of events such as concerts and arts festivals. Often her role is to encourage and nurture the work of the city's existing, diverse, grassroots arts groups. "A very important project this year," she says, has been to set up a formal network of these organizations,

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Nicole DeWald, arts coordinator, City of Greenbelt Recreation Department. - photo by Pam Lambird

Council Hears Presentations On Special Funds in Budget

by Barbara Bonham Young

Greenbelt city councilmembers held a smooth, disagreement-free April 30 work session on proposed FY 2002 budgets for the Greenbelt Museum, Greenbelt CARES, and several miscellaneous grant, fund transfer and similar budgets. Present were Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmembers Edward Putens, Rodney Roberts and Alan Turnbull.

First to appear before the council was Leola Johns for Metropolitan Washington Ear, who requested resumption of funding for the city's yearly \$1,000 contribution. She said nine Greenbelt residents use the organization's radio reading service and two use its telephone dialing service. All present agreed the city should try to publicize the services of Washington Ear through the News Review and library.

Greenbelt Museum

The Greenbelt Museum was represented by Curator Katie Scott-Childress, Barbara Havecost and Mary Linstrom. The museum proposes a budget of \$48,500 for FY 2002 and has a goal of hiring a part-time volunteer coordinator to do additional outreach, especially in schools. Budget objectives include an exhibit on New Deal photography, including the museum as part of the city's summer camps, and undertaking a study in conjunction with the American Association of Museums. The mayor spoke positively of the museum's work on the walking trail guides. She noted no vandalism had occurred with them.

Greenbelt CARES

Speaking for Greenbelt CARES, Director Carol Leventhal described her mini-grant proposal

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Preliminary Budget Up 4% For Greenbelt Police Dept.

by Diane Oberg

Persistent dispatcher shortages, new state legislation to prohibit racial profiling, and whether to expand the not-quite-established red-light camera program are some of the issues facing the Greenbelt City Council and the police department in fiscal year 2002 (FY2002), which begins July 1.

Budget Basics

The public safety budget consumes nearly 37 percent of City Manager Michael McLaughlin's proposed budget. The budget, discussed at a March 25 worksession, allocates \$5.85 million for public safety: \$5.69 million of that for the police department. The remaining funds go for traffic control (painting of street lines, crosswalks and parking spaces - \$72,800), animal control (\$37,700) and into a reserve for fire equipment (\$54,300).

Staffing

McLaughlin has proposed increasing expenditures for the police by 4.7 percent over last year's budget. Two positions, the animal control officer and the automation analyst, will be shifted to the Department of Planning and Community Development, and the Finance Department, respectively. The police

cadet position, which has been vacant for a year, will be eliminated, and a new executive secretary position will be created to handle the paperwork related to the red-light camera program.

The number of police officers will remain unchanged at 53, although three of those positions are currently vacant. Three of the eight dispatcher positions are also vacant. Police Chief James Craze said that the city is finding it difficult to fill those vacancies. It has experienced higher than normal attrition among the dispatchers and is receiving fewer applications than in the past.

To help increase the city's chances of landing promising applicants, the department has recently revamped its testing and screening program. Lt. Dan O'Neill oversaw the team that implemented the idea first proposed by officer Maria Parker. The team streamlined the hiring process, doing much of the initial screening and testing on a single day, and succeeded in reducing what had been a 121-day process to a 59-day process.

However, it is still a daunting task. The most recent hiring process attracted 109 applications. Only 40 of those applied.

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GHI to Elect New Board At May 16 Annual Meeting

by Mary Moien

The annual meeting of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) will be held on Wednesday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. The agenda includes introduction of candidates for the board and audit committee, a review of the past year's accomplishments, awards, and presentation and voting on proposed changes to the bylaws. Voting for board and audit committee members will take place immediately following the meeting. Voting will continue on Thursday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Community Center.

Election

This year there are five vacancies on the board of directors and currently five candidates have filed. (GHI members had until 5 p.m. on May 9 to submit an application.) The candidates include four incumbents — Julia Eichhorst, Betty Deitch, Chuck Hess and Susan Ready. The fifth candidate is Joyce Abell. Keith Jahoda, a long-time board member and former president of the board, has chosen not to run for reelection.

Three candidates are running for the Audit Committee — Kris White, Hopi Auerbach, and Gail Alexanderwicz. Auerbach and Alexanderwicz are incumbents. Current Audit Committee member Ray Stevens is not running for reelection. The GHI bylaws do not allow for election by accla-

mation; thus voting will take place even if there are no additional nominations.

All five positions on the Nominations and Elections Committee are filled annually at the meeting. Three people are seeking reelection — Andy Carruthers, Roger Brown and Andy Nitz. A minimum of two additional candidates are needed and, for this committee, candidates can be nominated and elected at the meeting. (Biographies appear on page 6.)

Bylaw changes

The only new business on the agenda are a few changes to the bylaws which will be voted on at the meeting. One change clarifies at what point the new directors' terms begin; i.e. "upon certification of the election by the Nominations and Elections Committee." Another proposed change relates to a not-for-profit institution becoming a member. A third change describes the action that will occur when there are an insufficient number of directors elected at the annual meeting. The added wording states that "Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by the remaining membership of the Board, after notice of the vacancies is publicized by the Board of Directors and a two week period is provided for submission of suggested names of candidates to the board."

What Goes On

Mon., May 14, 7:30 p.m.
ACE Student Awards Reception, Municipal Building

8 p.m. Regular Council Meeting, First Public Hearing on FY 2002 Budget and Legislative Wrap-up, Municipal Building

Tue., May 15, 8 p.m.
Worksession on Proposed Metroland Development, Municipal Building

Wed., May 16, 7:30 p.m.
GHI Annual Meeting and Election, Community Center

Thur., May 17, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. GHI Election, Community Center.

Letters

Against Metroland

Last Wednesday, April 25, I attended an open house meeting held at the College Park City Hall by Prince Georges County Councilman Thomas Hendershot. I began to present my concerns about the large development proposed by Metroland Developers, L.L.C. for the land between the Greenbelt Metro Station and Greenbelt Road, called the Greenbelt Station Development. After describing the development as massive and stating that the developers were proposing two office buildings up to 20 stories tall on the site, Councilman Hendershot stood up and interrupted me, telling the audience that I was being untruthful about the proposed development. He stated that I should sit down and that he would brief the audience with the truth about the proposal, and proceeded to describe the development in glowing terms. He denied that the proposal included building limits of 20 stories. However, Councilman Hendershot was not correct. On pages nine and ten of the Greenbelt Station conceptual site plan, filed with the county government, it clearly states that on two parcels building height limits of 20 stories are proposed. When I tried to point this out from my chair, Councilman Hendershot ignored me and continued to speak.

Councilman Hendershot was also inaccurate in stating that he was responsible for saving 111 acres of the site by introducing the bill to have the state purchase 75 acres, which it has done, and convincing the developers to donate 36 acres. However, Councilman Hendershot neglected to mention that the 111 acres was saved primarily because the Army Corps of Engineers ruled that the land in question is sensitive wetlands and waters of the U.S. and so is protected under federal law. The land was brought to the attention of Governor Glendening, who supported saving the land, by a local environmental group, Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC). Hendershot also neglected to mention the lobbying efforts of the cities of College Park and Greenbelt in saving the wetlands.

The councilman went on to describe the development in a completely positive light, not mentioning that the developers' traffic study calls for an additional 32,000 car trips per day by the year 2005 generated by the development, and 60,000 and 72,000 additional car trips generated by 2009 and 2013 respectively. In addition, the traffic study states that even with improvements, two of the adjacent intersections on Greenbelt Road will have a drastic increase in congestion, with 5,000 cars per hour at peak times by 2005. This is not surprising, given the scope of the development and the planned 13,000 car parking garage on the former Metro parking lot. He also didn't mention the five lane road planned through the site, which will damage the wetlands through air pollution and runoff, and the plans to build up to the edge of the Indian Creek braided stream, which runs

through the site. If the protected wetland is to survive, there must be a stream buffer of at least 100-200 feet. He didn't mention the dramatic increase in the automobile exhaust which would be discharged into Greenbelt, College Park and Berwyn Heights, increasing ground level ozone, the most irritating and damaging air pollution component for people.

For all of these reasons, the development must be either drastically scaled back or shelved if we are to maintain our quality of life. It is important that people voice their views about the development through letters to their elected officials and by attending public meetings on the proposal, which have begun. All those interested in the proposed Greenbelt Station Development are invited to attend an informational, fund raising meeting at Springhill Lake Elementary School in Greenbelt on Tuesday, May 15, at 7 p.m. Call 301-441-3844 for more information.

Thomas Moran,
Plateau Place

THANKS

Many thanks to all of you who made our quilt project at Greenbelt Elementary School a wonderful success. Each class designed and made its own cloth quilt to illustrate the theme for the year: "Multiculturalism Within the United States." Thank you to Gladys Dill, the "Quilt Maker," for her inspiration and guidance; to all who donated fabric and other supplies; to the volunteers who helped with the designing, sewing, and mounting; and to those who helped with the paper quilts made by the classes last fall. A special thank you to Tom and Helen White for their generous financial contribution. The quilts are truly a community project!

The quilts will be available for viewing at the Spring Fair, to be held on Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will have a silent auction, bake sale, cake walk, and games for all ages — all at the school, at 66 Ridge Road. Hope to see you there!

Katherine Curl, Principal



Democrats Planning Many Spring Events

Greenbelt's Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will hold two meetings in May. On Thursday, May 17, at 7 p.m., members will join the Oden Bowie Democratic Club at Woodward Estates on Health Center Drive in Bowie for the annual Legislative Wrap-up with Senator Leo Green and Delegates Mary Conroy, Joan Pitkin, and Jim Hubbard. Highlights of the recent General Assembly session will be discussed.

The Greenbelt monthly meeting will take place on Friday, May 18, at 8 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building at the corner of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway. This will be the second in a series of special meetings to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the club, which was founded in June 1976. A group of charter members will form a panel to discuss "Twenty-Five Years Young: Remembering Our Past."

Invited speakers include Ann and Richard Castaldi, Jerry and Kathy Gough, Raymond and Marsha Krasnick, Tony and Bobbie McCarthy, Bernie McGee Giese, Dorothy Rothgeb, Tom White, and Gil and Micki Weidenfeld. All charter, former, current, and prospective members are welcome. The first of a set of reunion pictures will be taken.

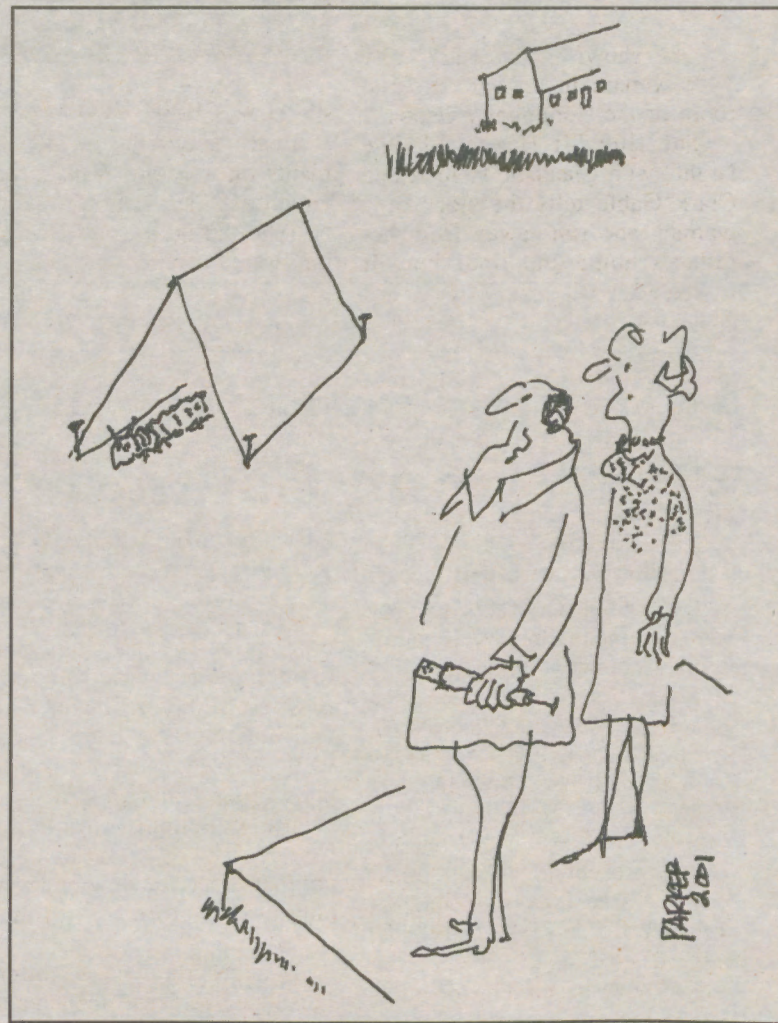
Plans will be finalized for the fund raiser at the Bowie Baysox vs. the Reading Phillies on Thursday, June 14. A tailgate supper will be served at 5:30 p.m., and the game starts at 6:35 p.m., to be followed by fireworks. This outing is also a joint effort with the Oden Bowie Club. Tickets are available from Kurt Walter (301-345-3088) or Pat Unger (301-474-1914).

The third event in the anniversary series will be a potluck picnic at Schrom Hills Park on Saturday, June 16, from 4 to 7 p.m. State, county, and local officials will attend for a presentation of citations from Governor Parris Glendening as well as from Maryland's house and senate.

Recycling Totals For Electronics

The City of Greenbelt reports that 2,718 pounds of electronics were recycled on Electronics Recycling Day. Included in the total were 27 personal computers, 38 monitors, and various printers, speakers and VCRs.

The Old Curmudgeon



"Tent caterpillars are getting to be a big problem!"

Learn about School Bus Routing System

The Transportation Department of the Prince George's school system will hold a meeting to demonstrate a new computerized bus routing system on Tuesday, May 15 at 7 p.m. at Duval High School on Good Luck Road. The system, called "Mapnet," is

expected to be in place by the start of the 2001-2002 school year.

A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

For more information, call the Transportation Department at 301-952-6570.

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Monday, May 14 at 8:00pm

"City Council Meeting-ACE Student Awards" live

Tuesday & Thursday, May 15th & 17th

6:00pm "ACE Reading Program-Springhill Lake Elementary & St. Hugh's School"

6:30pm "It's Municipal Government 2001"

7:30pm "Replay of Council Meeting"

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE) -301-507-6581

Wednesday & Friday, May 16th & 18th

7:00pm "Art Auction"

7:30pm "An Evening with Friends"

9:00pm "Public Safety"

Movie of the Month

by Martha Kaufman

The next movie of the month will be shown on Monday, May 14 at 1 p.m. in the senior classroom of the Community Center.

The film "It Happened One Night" with Claudette Colbert and Clark Gable tells the story of a woman who runs away from her father's home and finds herself involved with an out-of-work newsman.

This delightful romance was the forerunner of all the comedies of the 30's.

This was the first film to win all five major Oscars.

Humane Society Holds Pet Adoption Day

The Prince George's County SPCA/Humane Society is sponsoring a pet adoption day on Sunday, May 13, noon to 3 p.m. at PetsMart, Beltway Plaza Mall. The public is invited to come by PetsMart and meet dogs and cats looking for loving, permanent homes. The pets' foster parents will be present to answer questions and accept adoption applications for the homeless animals. Call 301-262-5625 or visit the website www.pgspca.org for information and fees.

Labor Day Festival Fundraisers Planned

Plans for this year's Labor Day Festival are proceeding, as well as plans for Festival fundraisers, which will occur over the next few months. Volunteers are still needed to assist with the actual festival, as well as the fundraisers.

The first fundraiser will be on Saturday, May 19, as part of the Community Center's Open House. There will be a bake sale, basket raffle and pizza and fruitshake sales.

The next meeting of the Committee will be on Tuesday, May 15, at 7:30 in the Community Center. All those interested in helping out with the festival or the fundraisers are invited to attend.

Community Events

Join a Plant Walk

Learn about the local native plants on a nature walk through Greenbelt Park. The walk will be followed by a hands-on nature preservation activity to help remove harmful invasive plants. Please bring gloves and water.

Meet at the Laurel Picnic Area within the park on Saturday, May 12, at 11 a.m. For more directions or information, call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944.

Pre-School Drop-In Art Class Expands

The pre-school drop-in art program is expanding this month to include Tuesday afternoons. Beginning May 15 this program will run Tuesdays 1 to 4 p.m. as well as Wednesdays 9 a.m. to noon in the Children's Art Room at the Greenbelt Community Center. The organizers of the program hope the new hours will encourage more children to come.

This program offers children ages 2 1/2 to 5 and their parents or caregivers the opportunity to explore a variety of art experiences together under the guidance of Barbara Simon, the instructor. There is no pre-registration and a nominal fee is charged.

For more information call 301-474-2192.

Donation Drop-Off

The city's May Donation Drop-Off, which it co-sponsors with the American Rescue Workers, will be held this Saturday, May 12 behind the Municipal Building from 9 a.m. until noon.

Bring clean, usable clothing, small household items, curtains, towels, bedding, sheets, toys, puzzles and books. Donations will be used by needy people in Prince George's County and are tax-deductible. Donation Drop-Off is held the second Saturday of every month.

At the Library

Children's Programs

Tuesday, May 15, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Thursday, May 17, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds and parent or caregiver.

Adult Program

Wednesday, May 16, 2 p.m. Book discussion on Jonathan Harr's "A Civil Action."

CCRIC Sponsors Meeting on Metroland

A public meeting on possible impacts of the proposed Metroland project at the Greenbelt Metro and A. H. Smith sites will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15, in the Springhill Lake Elementary School cafeteria, 6060 Springhill Drive.

Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC) is sponsoring the meeting, its flyer states, "to inform surrounding communities about projected impacts (e.g., traffic) of the proposed development and seek support for efforts to downsize the development and preserve the Indian Creek watershed."

For more information, call 301-441-3844.

Foundation Sponsors Upcoming Activities

The Cafh Foundation will sponsor two free events at the Greenbelt Community Center on May 12 and May 19. The first event will be a seminar on spiritual life in children; the second will be spiritual activity for children between ages 6 and 9. Both events begin at 10 a.m. For more information, visit www.cafh.org.

GHI Notes

The following meetings are scheduled in the GHI Board Room:

May 15, 7:30 p.m., Member & Community Relations Committee.

May 19, at 11 a.m. a free informational seminar about GHI will be held for prospective members. To register call GHI at 301-474-4161.

The GHI Annual Report and the May/June issue of the Communicator have been delivered to members. Members who have not received a copy are asked to call 301-474-4161, and a copy will be available at the GHI reception desk.

Golden Age Club

by Ruth Huggins

President Bill Souser presided over the May 2 business meeting. Florence Holly read the poem "Walking Like Grandma" author unknown. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Sunshine chair, Betty Down, sent sympathy cards upon the deaths of Barbara Drake, Evelyn Green, and the brother of Jack Owens, as well as a note of cheer to Ruth Raffa. Betty read a thank you note from Maurice Love.

Ernie Varda, who is also GIVES' annual raffle chair, urged Golden Agers who are GIVES members to volunteer. He asked those who wanted to sell raffle tickets to see him after the meeting as he had the tickets. Raffle prizes will be drawn at the GIVES annual meeting June 9.

President Souser read the by-laws amendments. The second reading was unanimously approved by the membership.

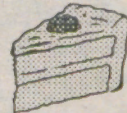
Golden Agers will sell baked goods at the May 19 Community Center open house.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Sylvia Kender and Lenny Holohan.

Solange Hess, Hospitality chair, reminded members that May 16 is the May birthday party.

Coming events include: May 23 - Independence Court speaker, Marla Von Stein, marketing director; May 30 - City Manager Michael McLaughlin, speaking on "Greenbelt."

Greenbelt Elementary School Spring Fair May 19 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Bake Sale Games
Food Silent Auction

Community Center Holds Open House

On Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Community Center doors will open allowing the community to explore the spectacular range of activities which take place year round at this facility.

Activities so far include a History of Greenbelt Chautauqua, Summer Camp Preview, local artists' creations at the Art and Craft Fair, dance classes, yoga, and ta'i chi. Throughout the day a gallery exhibit, tour of the cable television studio and art activities will also draw attention.

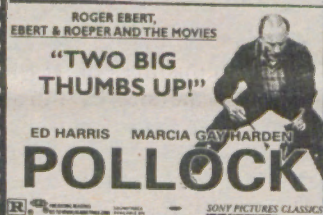
La Leche League Welcomes Babies

The La Leche League of Greenbelt will meet on Tuesday, May 15, at 10 a.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road. The topic of the meeting is "Planning for Baby." Pregnant and breastfeeding mothers are invited to attend. Babies are welcome. For more information call Mary at 301-474-4651.

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Giants 2 - 2	Lions 3 - 2
Athletics 1 - 4	Indians 2 - 2
Tigers 0 - 5	Cubs 1 - 3

Upcoming Games

Mon., May 14, 6 p.m., Lions @ Cards
Tue., May 15, 6 p.m., Orioles @ Tigers
Wed., May 16, 6 p.m., Cubs @ Athletics
Thur., May 17, 6 p.m., Indians @ Giants
Fri., May 18, 6 p.m., Athletics @ Lions
Fri., May 18, 7 p.m., * Cards @ Tigers
Sat., May 19, 10 a.m., Orioles @ Giants
Sat., May 19, 1 p.m., Indians @ Cubs
* Night Game at Braden Field

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER Open House

Saturday, May 19th 10 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

- * Springtime Art & Craft Fair 10A-5P
- * Chautauqua "Past Children of Greenbelt" 11A-1P
- * Greenbelt Recreation Department Summer Camp Open House 2P-5P
- * Three Ring Circus Art Exhibit 10-5
- * GAC Reflex Comedy Troupe 10A-11A
- * Greenbelt Nursery School & Kindergarten Open House 10A-3P
- * Golden Age Club Bake Sale
- * Greenbelt Home & Garden Club Plant Sale 8A-4P
- * Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts Open House
- * Greenbelt Access Television Open House

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OBITUARIES



Tessa Mae Osborne

Tessa Mae Osborne, 18, of Southway died May 2, 2001. Her family and friends remember her as a gentle, caring person who related to people of all ages.

Tessa was born and raised in Greenbelt. She loved the community, liked going to the pool and participated in many sports. She made football history by being the first girl to play on her team. She also played Little League baseball on the A's with her brother Vincent and played soccer for the Boys and Girls Club. Tessa enjoyed participating in the Little Miss Greenbelt pageant.

Her hobbies were many and included television production, music, dancing and cosmetology which was one of her favorites. She liked fixing her young cousin's hair for special occasions.

Tessa was a graduate of Greenbelt Elementary School and Greenbelt Middle School. She also attended St. Hugh's School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. She was a graduate of Northeast High School in Pasadena, Maryland where she went to graduate with one of her cousins. (Her entire graduating class came to her wake). She also took courses at Prince George's Community College.

At Roosevelt she was involved in television production. Her family was given a video she made.

Tessa had worked for a few months at Greenbelt Co-op. During summers she worked at the Nut Factory, an ice cream parlor, at Bethany Beach.

Tessa is survived by her mother, Bridget Osborne, her brother Vincent Osborne; grandparents Sonny and Barbara Osborne, Robert, Sr. and June Clark and Nancy Botzum; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

An outpouring of love and concern was shown by the many people who attended a celebration of her life. A mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Riverdale on May 7.

Lynda Ann Silverman

Long time resident Lynda Ann Silverman, 56, of Mandan Road died on May 6, 2001. She was born in Baltimore, the daughter of Harry and the late Matilda Sody.

When Mrs. Silverman and her husband came to Greenbelt, they were early residents of Springhill Lake where their oldest son started school. When Greenbriar opened they were among the first residents. They have lived in Greenbriar Phase III for about 20 years.

Mrs. Silverman worked as a secretary at the University of Maryland.

A member of Mishkan Torah Synagogue, Mrs. Silverman also belonged to the Sisterhood there.

She was a strong supporter of the Greenbelt Little League, in which her husband coached the Orioles, and attended their games.

Mrs. Silverman was a volunteer at Greenbelt Elementary School where she enjoyed reading to young students. Even during her illness she went to the school to read when she could.

An avid bookreader, Mrs. Silverman also read to children at the Greenbelt Public Library.

She is survived by her husband, Harold S. Silverman; sons Arnold and his wife Shari, and Eric; father, Harry Sody, and brother Paul Timin and his wife Sue, of Baltimore.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, May 8, 2001 at Mishkan Torah Synagogue. Interment was at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Crownsville.

In lieu of flowers, the Silverman family requests that donations in her name be made to the American Diabetes Association or Mishkan Torah Synagogue at 10 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, Maryland.



Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to Sasha Bruce Youthworks, Inc., 741 8th Street, SE, Washington, 20003; Attn: Deborah Shore.

Baha'is Feature Talk on Mothering

Dorie Arbach, a licensed social worker, will explore the spiritual aspects of parenting, especially of mothers, in a discussion that will draw from the values found in the Baha'i Faith and from her own professional and personal experience, Saturday, May 12 at 8 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center's multipurpose room. The public is invited. No donations are accepted. Call 301-345-3983 for more information.

Letter Carriers Hold Food Drive for Needy

To help families in need in the community, the United States Postal Service will be collecting non-perishable food items on Saturday, May 12. People are asked to place food donations by their mailbox before their letter carrier arrives.

Food items such as canned soup, juice, pasta, vegetables, cereal, and rice are needed. Please do not include any glass or perishable items.

NARFE Meeting

The next regular meeting of NARFE Chapter 2146 will be at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16 at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway. This business meeting will be directed toward the Maryland convention and resolutions for the convention. For information call 301-731-9020.

Collegium Musicum At Recital Hall

On Saturday, May 12 at 8 p.m. the Collegium Musicum will hold a free concert at Gildenhorn Recital Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at Maryland University.

The medieval and renaissance ensemble performs "Music of Renaissance Poland," directed by Tom Zajac. For more information, call 301-405-7847 or visit www.umd.edu/music/calendar.

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3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)
Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community
May 13, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m.
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Barbara Wells and Jacob B. ten Hove, co-ministers



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Children and Adults
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Worship Service 11:00 am

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

101 GREENHILL ROAD
301-474-4212
Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor



Sun. Worship 8:35 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm
Wed. Praise and Prayer 7:00 pm
Wed. Living Proof, Youth Event 7:00 pm

"Building Bridges to the Family of God thru the Love of Christ"

Knights of Columbus Present Awards

St. Hugh Council #10885, Knights of Columbus, presented awards at their Charter Night on Saturday, May 5. Included was a special icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe given to Worthy Chaplain and Pastor, Reverend Thomas F. Crowley.

Other awards included: Bronze Honor Roll: Tony Iacone, Bob Matovitch, Mike Rall, Matthew Thompson, John Tizol, and Ernie Varda.

Silver Honor Roll: Larry Buck, Austin Conaty, Joe Griffith, Larry Hilliard, Bob Hobble, John Low, and Nick Pergola.

Gold Honor Roll: Sean Bailey, Chuck Hatcher, Scott Legendre, Terry Leid, David Lockwood, Paul Rall, Joe Ritondo, Mike Rousseau, Tom Trunk, and John Winfrey.

Other awards were presented as follows: Certificate of Appreciation, Richard R. Pilski; Non-

FOGM Needs Items For Flea Market

The Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) is now collecting items for its next flea market, Saturday, June 2. Anyone with household items, jewelry, small pieces of furniture, appliances or other treasures should drop them off at 2-G Gardenway. Books and clothing items will not be accepted. All goods donated to FOGM are tax deductible. For further information, call Barbara Havekost, 301-474-6369.

Member Special Family Award, Vanderlei and Marines Martins; Non-Member Family of the Year, Joseph and Suzanne Lomax; New Family of the Year, Sean and Rebecca Bailey; New Member of the Year, Scott Legendre; Family of the Year, John and Gloria Winfrey; and Knight of the Year, Chuck Hatcher.

Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sunday, May 13
Municipal Building, 10 a.m.

Sunday, May 20
No Mass at Municipal Building, Mass at the 4-H Center, Connecticut Ave.
For transportation or further information,
CALL 301-937-4196

In Honor of Mother's Day

Social worker Dorie Arbach explores the spiritual aspects of parenting, especially of mothers.

Saturday May 12 at 8 PM
Greenbelt Community Center
Multi-purpose room

- The public is welcome -
- No donations accepted -

Baha'i Faith
Greenbelt Baha'i Community
301-345-2918 301-220-3160

Information about the Baha'i Faith is on the World Wide Web at <http://www.bahai.org/>

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Saturday 5 p.m.

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Sunday Services
9 am Folk Service (Interpreted for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing)
10 am Education for all ages
11 am Sung Service

DeWALD

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the Arts and Humanities Coalition. "Even though this is a small community, people often aren't aware of each other's activities. We try to help them share resources and coordinate their schedules so they don't conflict."

Some 35 local groups sponsor art programs in Greenbelt, ranging from major players like the Greenbelt Arts Center, Greenbelt movie theater, Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA), and the New Deal Café, to churches, schools, clubs, and the library. All are welcome to send representatives to the coalition, which meets twice each quarter.

Organizations can also now list their programs on the city's new Arts and Humanities Calendar, a quarterly brochure which supplements the recreation department's regularly published listing of classes and events. The brochure is intended to inform the community of the broad range of arts programming available, as well as to help local groups publicize their activities. The brochure may be picked up in public locations around town.

Controversies

Not long after arriving in Greenbelt, DeWald, perhaps incautiously, accepted an invitation to serve on the board of the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC). There were those who felt this gave GAC an unfair advantage in competing with other arts groups for city support. DeWald denies that this was a conflict of interest. However, she now holds only an "ex officio" position with GAC and is no longer a voting member.

She points out that through GAC she was able to meet people active in the local performing arts scene and to become acquainted with GAC's "great technical resources," which are sometimes drawn on by other groups. She also had a "valuable in-depth exposure to the workings of a community non-profit group — to how it is in the trenches."

Although DeWald believes in providing something for everyone, she is also dedicated to improving the quality of the arts in Greenbelt. At times this, too, created controversy, for there are those who believe that preference in all aspects of the city's arts programming should always be given to Greenbelt residents, without any "judging." They were less than happy when changes were made to the application process for studios in the Community Center, extending eligibility to all residents of Maryland, even though Greenbelt artists retain a scoring advantage. Last year studios were allotted by a distinguished panel of artists and art educators; this year's panel has not yet been chosen.

ArtsEmerge Program

DeWald is working to bring world-class creative professionals to town to perform, or display their works, and also to give talks and workshops so that people in the community can work with and learn from them.

For example, the new "ArtsEmerge" program brought artist Arlette Jassell to the Greenbelt Community Center, where she worked with local

youth last winter to create reusable outdoor sculptures called "The Revellers" for Greenbelt New Year. And artist Marilyn Banner, whose works are in several museum collections, exhibited in the Community Center gallery and offered a workshop.

With pride, DeWald points out that "this year there has always been an art show hanging in the gallery," as well as in the Greenbelt Municipal Building — a total of 16 visual arts exhibitions sponsored by the recreation department. Artists of local, regional, and national stature have been featured.

More such exceptional shows are to be expected in the future, as a result of DeWald's campaign of outreach to regional and state arts organizations, as well as her efforts to promote Greenbelt as a center of the arts. She has been honored with an uncommon dual appointment to serve on two of the Prince George's County Arts Council's advisory panels.

The performing arts have not been neglected. The City Stages performance series has brought more than 30 different performances to many venues in the city. Programs have included both professional and community presentations in theater, puppetry, music, dance, and spoken word.

"One obstacle," DeWald notes, "is that people don't expect to find art of this quality in their own backyard. This is a problem for all suburban arts programs."

Artful Afternoons

DeWald seems determined to tackle it. An innovative approach is the city's new program of "Artful Afternoons" at the Community Center on the first Sunday afternoon of every month. These free, monthly mini-festivals are an outgrowth of the existing Open Studios program of the Artists in Residence at the Community Center, and have begun to incorporate events like dance, music, and theater, as well as artist-led workshops in various disciplines, and a reception in the gallery.

DeWald hopes that individual Greenbelt artists will respond to her open invitation to bring their own art to the Artful Afternoons. "I want all artists to feel welcome," she says.

Literary Arts Festival

Currently DeWald is excited about the city's first Literary Arts Festival, a three-day event planned for the weekend of Greenbelt Day, June 1. Well-known authors will give readings, and the New Deal Café will play host to a Poetry Slam, which DeWald describes

as "a whirlwind — a wonderfully energetic presentation of poetry as performance. Slams can be very raucous and often very physical. They're set up as competitive events, but in a spirit of fun. They're very inclusive. Winners are determined by thunderous applause — or by unqualified judges!"

Poets can bring several poems and sign up at the door. Teenagers are encouraged to participate.

She insists that "you don't have to be an avid reader" to enjoy the Literary Arts Festival, and is looking for ways to combine writing with the visual and performing arts.

Instant Tradition

Will the Literary Arts Festival become an annual event? Quite possibly.

"In Greenbelt, you do an event once and it becomes an instant tradition," says DeWald, giving as examples GAVA's "Videos by Kids" project, returning for a second year, and GAC's Shakespeare on the Green program, which was "brought back by popular demand and is now going into its third year of outdoor Shakespeare."

Summing up the state of the arts in Greenbelt in 2001, DeWald says, "People should not underestimate the resources available in this community. We do free programming throughout the year. We want artists and non-artists to feel welcome. This isn't an exclusive setting by any means. We encourage people to come forward with their creative concepts and talk through their wild ideas."

Woodlands Group Fight Invasive Flora

The Woodlands Committee is a cooperative group that monitors and maintains the Greenbelt Homes common wooded areas. This committee has become concerned with the invasive plants that have started to encroach upon the woodlands. These plants are capable of choking out trees and destroying large areas of woodlands if left unchecked. The Woodlands Committee invites anyone interested to attend an invasive species tour to identify these plants, and learn what can be done to prevent losing the forested land. This tour will start in front of the wooded area at 6 Court Ridge on Sunday, May 20, at 11 a.m. Remember to dress appropriately.



NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING (tentative)

The Greenbelt City Council has tentatively scheduled a meeting to consider a proposed Conceptual Site Plan and Preliminary Plan of Subdivision for the Greenbelt Metro Station (Metroland) on May 15, 2001 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. If held, the meeting will be open to the public.

In the event this Special Meeting is not needed, there will be a work session on the same topic, at the scheduled time and place (May 15, 8:00 P.M. Council Room)

For further information, please call 301-474-8000.

Kathleen Gallagher
City Clerk

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GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

Municipal Building Council Room
Advisory Committee on Education
Student Award Reception 7:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
May 14, 2001

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations
(The consent agenda comprises those items marked by an asterisk [*], subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval.)
5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations
 - Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) Student Awards
 - Legislative Wrap-up - 23rd District Delegation
 - Police Week and Police Memorial Day - Proclamation
 - Public Works Week - Proclamation
7. Public Hearing on FY 2002 Budget
8. Petitions and Requests
(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council.)
- * 9. Minutes of Meetings
- * 10. Administrative Reports
- * 11. Committee Reports
 - Park & Recreation Advisory Board - Report #01-2 (Contribution Groups Budget Review)
 - Park & Recreation Advisory Board - Report #01-3 (FY 2002 Astronomy Budget Review)
 - Arts Advisory Board Report (Visual Arts Programming)

III. LEGISLATION

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

12. Request of Astronomy Club for Recognition as a Contributions Group (PRAB Report #01-3)
13. Lakes of Greenbelt Village - Revisions to Site Plan
14. Recommendation on Request for Proposals for Visual Arts Programming at the Community Center
15. Hendricks & Associates Compensation Study - Plan for Review
16. Community Resource Advocate Job Description - Acceptance and Approval
17. CareFirst/BlueCross BlueShield - Health Insurance Contract
18. Governor's Transit Initiative
- * 19. Approval of NORC Contract
- * 20. Amendments to LGIT Agreement
- * 21. Resignations from Advisory Groups
- * 22. Appointment to Advisory Group

V. MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 301-474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

Check out the Greenbelt Citylink Web site at
www.ci.greenbelt.md.us

Kathleen Gallagher
City Clerk

Candidates

The following members of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) have consented to run for election to the Board of Directors, Audit Committee and the Nominations and Elections Committee. The elections will be held at the recess of the GHI Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 16, and continuing on Thursday, May 17, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Community Center.

Board of Directors

(Vote for 5)

Joyce A. Abell - 1-B Research Road

My name is Joyce Abell and I have lived in GHI for 22 years. Much of my time is spent doing volunteer work in Greenbelt. I assist those wishing to sell with the marketing of their membership. I also work as a volunteer at the New Deal Café.

In the mid-eighties I was on the Member Relations Committee, and in the mid-nineties I chaired the Resale Committee. Last year I chaired the Ad Hoc Committee for Deregulation of Electricity. Currently I serve on Finance and Marketing. I was named Outstanding Committee Member for 1999-2000.

As a member who spent eight years in Real Estate and many years on various committees I feel that I have some knowledge and skills that would lend itself to the working of Greenbelt Homes. As we enter the new century, we will be facing challenges. One important matter will be the restructuring of Co-op fees to be fairer and better understood by each member. As a board member, I will listen to the views of all members.

Betty Deitch - 3-H Crescent Road

Betty Deitch is a long time member of Greenbelt Homes. She retired from the National Security Agency after a varied career including State Department and overseas assignments. Her background in GHI includes service as GHI Board Secretary, chair of the Member and Community Relations Committee and member of the Marketing Committee. At present she is active on the Architecture and Environment committee. Her home has been featured on the GHI House and Garden Tour. She believes in trying to set a good example and is proud of the attractive 3 Court.

Betty is also a docent at the Greenbelt Museum, active in the Golden Age Club, participates in the GIVES program, has served on the City's Senior Advisory Committee and is a graduate of the Greenbelt Police Citizens' Academy.

Because of her enthusiastic support of GHI and Greenbelt she is fond of repeating the remark of a friend who "hopes there is a Greenbelt Heaven for Betty".

Betty will continue to provide mature, experienced and caring concern for the good and welfare of our workers and the continuing success of Greenbelt Homes.

Chuck Hess - 8-E Research Road

A member since 1983, Chuck Hess became active in the affairs of the cooperative in 1984. He has served on the following committees:

- Architecture and Environment
- Finance
- Adhoc Resales
- Investment
- Audit

Chuck is currently serving his tenth year as a member of the Board of Directors, six of those as Treasurer. He also serves as chair of the Investment Committee.

Chuck Hess is a C.P.A. He earned his M.S. in taxation from American University, Washington, D.C.

Julia Eichhorst - 3-P Research Road

I moved to GHI in 1992. I was attracted to the small town atmosphere of the community and the amenities that Greenbelt offered.

I graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a bachelor of science degree. I moved to the Washington metropolitan area in 1978, taking a position with the Department of Justice.

I am completing my second term on the Board of Directors and first term as President. I am currently on the Marketing and the Member and Community Relations Committees and have served on the Nominations & Elections, Architecture & Environment and Newsletter committees. I am a docent at the Greenbelt Museum.

I love living in Greenbelt, it is a wonderful community. While we must plan for the future and be proactive with our replacement programs and the reserve funding, we must also be aware of the day to day concerns of the members to remain as a viable community.

Susan J. Ready - 30-C Ridge Road

Sue Ready has enjoyed serving on the GHI Board of Directors for the past four years. She has chaired the Newsletter committee, the Ad-hoc Historic District Education committee and the Ad-hoc By-laws committee and serves as board liaison to the Architecture and Environment committee. Sue holds bachelor's degrees in education and in business and management. Following a long career as a teacher and administrator, Sue is now employed as a project account analyst for a non-profit association.

Feeling that the combination of quality of life and affordable housing cannot be matched outside of Greenbelt and GHI, Sue has lived in the cooperative for thirty-one years. She found it a wonderful community in which to rear her two (now grown) children. Sue would like to continue to contribute her time, energy, and expertise to assuring the continuity of our cooperative and its ability to meet the needs of its members.

Audit Committee

(Vote for 3)

Gail Alexanderwicz - 3-N Research Road

I have lived in GHI for close to 4 years. I am a Special Education teacher and the mother of one teenaged son. I was originally drawn to GHI because of

the sense of community I felt when visiting friends. I enjoy being involved in the community and helping others by serving on the Audit Committee. As I finish my first year on the Audit Committee I realize this first year was full of learning. I would like the opportunity to remain on the Audit Committee. I welcome the opportunity to provide a voice to members with concerns. I believe my efforts with those of so many others will continue to better our community.

Hopi Auerbach* 14-X Ridge Road

Kris White* 14 Hillside Road

* Biographies not available at time of publication.

Nominations & Elections Committee

(Vote for 5)

Andrew R. Carruthers- 2-M Gardenway

Having finished my first year in GHI (and my first year on the N&E Committee) I wanted to contribute for another year. (Go Gardenway!)

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**May 19, 2001 • 9AM - 3PM
Community Center Lawn**



ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS Community Beautification Program

The 2001 Community Beautification Program is well under way. The units scheduled for the fifth week of the program will include the following, weather permitting:

- > 1 court of Southway
- > 17 thru 38 courts of Ridge Road
- > All courts on Gardenway
- > 56 & 58 courts of Crescent Road

Further updates will be posted weekly in the News Review. All questions, comments or suggestions should be directed to Phillip Rondeau at (301) 474-4161 ext. 132. When possible calls will be answered within 24 hours.

Thank you for your cooperation

Roger Brown - 9-B Research Road

Roger Brown has lived in Greenbelt for many years. He is retired from the Prince George's County Memorial Library System. He would like to get involved with GHI decision making and enjoys living here.

Andrew Nitz - 56-G Ridge Road

I've lived in GHI for 6 years. Been on the N&E Committee 3 years. My interests include gardening, bicycling, and writing.

Biographies paid ad by GHI.

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FUNDS

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to the Prince George's County Health Department's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Program to fund the operation of parent training groups in Springhill Lake. Noting that there is a waiting list for services, she said CARES will be taking on a social work intern for general assistance.

Mayor Davis noted that the number of students seeking GEDs is going down, to which Leventhal responded that the GED program has a "very high attrition rate" — many people becoming discouraged and dropping out.

Miscellaneous

City Manager Michael McLaughlin described the \$20,000 budgeted reserve appropriation for unexpected needs and the other reserve budgets set aside to be used as needed for personnel reclassification, compensation studies, retirement payments and tax abatement interest.

Cemetery Discussion

The mayor commended Assistant to the City Manager David Moran on his cemetery options report. She also inquired about the possibility of creating small "urn plots" for families who use cremation instead of burial.

Davis also brought up the matter of tree loss at the cemetery, to which Moran commented that "anything the city does with respect to the cemetery will involve removing trees" — either expansion of the existing cemetery or creation of a structure to contain urns. The mayor asked that he gather basic information on the design of a structure to hold 50 to 100 urns so that council can see how much tree disturbance would take place. There may be a work session on the cemetery question in the fu-

ture, she said.

Other Items

In connection with the debt service budget, McLaughlin told council that the city is scheduled to be debt-free by the end of fiscal year 2006. While a number of new vehicles have been budgeted for, McLaughlin noted, he is pleased that equipment purchases have been deferred where possible. Also, instead of replacing an entire truck, for example, the budget calls for replacing only a part of a dump truck.

Replacement of Community Center windows is set for completion in fiscal year 2002, according to the proposed budget.

City Treasurer Jeffrey Williams described the Special Projects Fund of the budget which he created in order to track and account for funds and expenditures set aside for specific purposes but which may not occur in the same fiscal year.

"Agency Funds"

The Agency Funds portion of the budget was discussed. These are funds that are not owned or controlled by the city but over which the city maintains fiduciary responsibility. Included are such funds as donations to Greenbelt CARES, the Good Samaritan fund, and the Adopt-a-Tree and (new) Adopt-a-Bench programs. The Good Samaritan fund, which receives money from churches

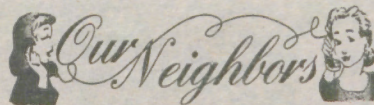
Dr. Sugar Speaks At Diabetes Center

On May 15 at 7 p.m., the Doctors Community Hospital Diabetes Care Center will be presenting Mark Sugar, D.P.M., a podiatrist, who will speak on "Taking Care of Diabetic Feet," in the Ambulatory Surgery Building, 6th floor classroom, Doctors Community Hospital Campus. The lecture is open to all. Call Elaine Stone, R.N.C.D.E. at 301-552-5134 for further information or to confirm attendance.

and civic associations, "provides financial assistance to out-of-town persons stranded in Greenbelt and low-income persons in need of a few dollars for gas or groceries."

There is also an Emergency Assistance fund, which was established "to accept and disburse donations received to assist Greenbelt residents with needs greater than can be handled by the Good Samaritan fund. Typically, a portion of an individual's rent is paid directly to the apartment's owner." According to the proposed budget, "approximately a dozen individuals receive assistance each fiscal year from these funds."

The mayor requested that publicity be given to these funds at least every two years.



We were saddened to hear of the death of Tessa Mae Osborne. Our sympathy to her mother, Bridget Osborne and family.

Our condolences to Ambrose Johnson, Jr., of Parkway on the death of his brother, Leon J. (Bunny) Johnson.

Our sympathy to Harold S. Silverman and family of Mandan Road on the death of his wife and their mother, Lynda Ann Silverman.

Linda Martin's students pre-

sented her an award on May 3 for "Best Chemistry Lab Teaching Assistant." Martin began her TA job at the University of Maryland chemistry department this semester, returning to her profession of teaching after an absence of many years. The award went on to say: "Thank you for all of your guidance throughout the semester. You went above and beyond in all that you did (i.e. 'Hot tips'). Thanks again for all of your hard work. Best of luck to you in the future" — presented by CHM113 Section 4548."



The Recycling Bin

Dear Lorax,

I've been doing some spring cleaning and have several boxes of old clothes and linens. Also, I have a new sofa being delivered next week. I don't have any use for my old sofa, even though it is still in good condition. If I set the boxes and old sofa on the curb, will they be taken with my next trash collection? *Dona Shun on Lakeside*

Dear Dona, Don't throw good usable items in the trash! Call an organization that runs a thrift store—Good Will Industries, American Rescue Workers, Salvation Army, Purple Heart, etc. Many of them will pick up items at your house and you get a tax deduction receipt! Too many good desks, sofas, chairs, clothing and other reusable items from Greenbelt residents are being compacted in the back of trash trucks and taken to the landfill. This costs taxpayers money in landfill fees and also takes up landfill space.

You're in luck! The American Rescue Workers have a truck located in the parking lot between the City Offices and the Community Center the second Saturday of each month from 9a.m. - 12p.m. The next one is this Saturday, May 12th! They accept donations of usable Household Goods such as clothing, furniture, small appliances, curtains, towels, bedding, books, puzzles and toys. *The Lorax*

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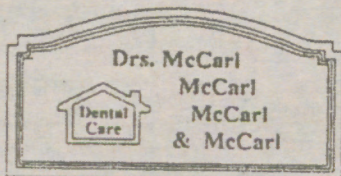
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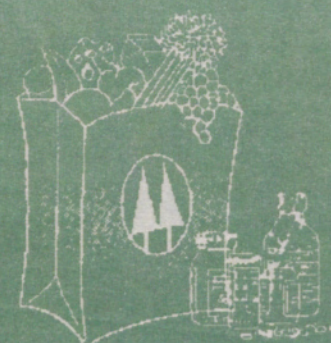
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Boys and Girls Club Head Faulted on Team Sign-up

by Chris Mincher

Problems within the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club have led to a special meeting to be held on Monday, June 4 to deal with the future of club President James Green. Elena Mendoza, the softball commissioner and member of the club, wrote a petition for the meeting that was distributed at the May 1 board meeting. The group intends to push for Green's removal at the meeting. Nearly 100 members had signed the petition, according to Mendoza.

"This petition and special meeting have the primary focus of getting things back on track," said Mendoza. "Somebody has to stand up and straighten this mess out."

The main grievance that led to the petition was the lack of a baseball or softball program this year within the Boys and Girls Club. Green and other board members, who are not paid in their positions, hold that they offered three registration dates to establish these programs, but that not one person signed up on any day. Mendoza and other members of the club expressed concern that there was not enough publicity about the registration to attract interested parties. Mendoza said she has since begun a 16 and under baseball league in Greenbelt outside of the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club.

"I have a long list of boys and girls who want to play baseball and softball," Mendoza told the board. "Most had to go out of the area to play their sport. We want a special meeting to discuss this and a lot of other issues that we hope will be brought out at the meeting."

According to Green, Mendoza was elected softball commissioner at an April 3 board meeting.

Mendoza had run the softball program in past years. Green says that the board advised her that she had a short deadline to get girls registered for softball because the registration deadline through the Prince George's County Boys and Girls Club was coming near.

"We immediately set up two days for baseball and softball registration, on April 9 and 11, specifically," Green said. "We also had a registration for all sports on April 21 where girls and boys could register for any sport, including baseball and softball."

"Not one person signed up for either baseball or softball on either of the three days," Green said. "I stayed for three hours on each day, and not one person showed up!"

Old Rosters

Green, who is also the football commissioner of the club, said that commissioners usually call coaches to get rosters and call previous players to let them know of registration times. Mendoza said that she usually obtained rosters from previous membership chairman Mel Scites, but that since his firing, there has not been one board member responsible for handling all the records, and that there was no way to get access to the rosters.

Because of the low turnout for registration, Green said he gave both commissioners the opportunity to get an extension through the Prince George's County Girls and Boys Club. Chuck Lease, the baseball commissioner, got an extension but still was unable to

get enough kids to register.

"I went to the county offices and picked up the lists of previous people who had played, but the lists didn't have any contact information," Lease said. "I offered to be called directly, but I couldn't get into the phone system. Supposedly there was advertising, but usually people will come if you give them notice in advance."

Miscommunication

"There was a lot of miscommunication," he stated, "I guess we'll wait until next year."

Several parents who attended the May 1 meeting contended that the Babe Ruth league has taken many players from the program, but that interest was there to field teams.

"There wasn't any advertising," said Mendoza, "There was a small ad in the Greenbelt News Review advertising registration for all sports, and those who don't read the News Review were locked out. They had to go play outside of Greenbelt."

The Boys and Girls Club did put up signs and banners advertising the sports registration, but many of the parents who presented the petition complained that it was too little, too late. "There was a little sign that was put up ... these kids really do want to play," Mendoza said. "They screwed up!"

Mailings?

Mendoza said that mailings used to be sent to everyone on previous rosters for sports notifying them of the yearly registrations, but that since Green has taken the position as president, the mailings have stopped.

Mendoza said that club members intend to bring up other issues at the special meeting, including the frequent firing of coaches and commissioners such as Scites and soccer coach Tim Murphy. She said that the handling of the budget and the issue of the phone line for the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club needed to be addressed as well. "No one returns calls," she said.

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club's bylaws state that a special meeting can either be called by request of the president or by the board. Green stated that although a petition does not technically mean they have to hold a special meeting, he has called one anyway to discuss the issues and address the concerns of members.

Notice

Only active members of the club for the calendar year — those who are registered for spring soccer — will receive notice of the meeting by mail. The meeting will be open to all members, the board said.

Mendoza said that although the entire board is at fault for many of the problems, "James Green is the one in charge."

"He needs to make sure that people under him do their jobs," she said.

Leo McKay, who previously had coached soccer and basketball, attended the May 1 meeting as well.

"That they volunteer their time is great," McKay said of the board, "But they need to learn to mend their ways ... if they can't bend, they'll break."

"If they do it the right way, I'm all for them," McKay said, "They're the ones putting the time in."

APB Reviews Traffic Survey

by Virginia Beauchamp

How will development at the Greenbelt Metro station affect traffic?

At the Advisory Planning Board meeting on May 2, Celia Craze, director of planning and community development, handed out a brief report from a city consultant on possible traffic impacts if Greenbelt Station development comes to fruition. Called "preliminary," the three-page document was prepared by Brian Collins, formerly with Greenhome & O'Mara and now an engineer with the RBA Group.

Collins' report responds to a March 29 traffic study submitted in support of the proposed development. His preliminary study analyzes the circumstances and assumptions on which the developers' projections were based; a fuller report is expected shortly.

Flaws

An overriding flaw in the developers' presentation, Collins says, is that the traffic count on which it is based was taken on the Thursday preceding the Labor Day 2000 weekend. Although schools were then in session, he notes, the forthcoming holiday weekend may very well have "distorted" the data.

The report also highlights a second flaw in the data collection process: While the Greenbelt Station development was projected to generate some 280 afternoon peak hour trips south from the intersection of Cherrywood and Kenilworth, the impact of this extra traffic on the intersection of Kenilworth Avenue with Crescent Road and the entrance to the State Highway Administration offices was overlooked. "These trips will pass through or turn" at that point, Collins notes.

Development Timing

According to Collins, the Greenbelt Station traffic analysis assumes completion of an interchange from the Beltway providing access to the projected upscale development. However, he believes that much of the development "would likely precede these improvements" and therefore he focuses on probable overloads on city streets as business picks up in the growing development. (He takes

no note of the city council's opposition to construction of such a Beltway interchange.)

Collins finds Cherrywood Lane, Ivy Lane, Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road heavily impacted in such a scenario. He also envisions "cut-through traffic" in the Springhill Lake area. Nor can suggested improvements (additional turning lanes) on Cherrywood at Greenbelt Road be taken for granted, he notes, because of issues of rights-of-way and access to adjacent property. Even if the Beltway interchange is constructed, including an assumed connection to the USDA property and Sunnyside Avenue, the additional traffic volume projected for I-95 and the ramps will lead to conditions congested enough that drivers seeking alternative means of ingress and egress will increase the traffic on adjacent city streets, he predicts.

Trip Generation Rates

Collins also notes an inconsistency in the underlying assumptions used in the developers' report: While it accepts the figures projected for previously approved developments in the area (Capital Office Park and Gateway Park), which depend on a formula used by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, it uses a different formula created by the Institute of Transportation Engineers for its own projections of future traffic volumes. M-NCPPC rates "generally yield higher volumes of traffic generation for office and retail uses" than those of ITE, Collins notes.

Internal Traffic

Not considered in this preliminary report — probably because it was not included in the developers' traffic study which it addresses — is a proposal in the Conceptual Site Plan presented to the county on March 15 that shows a north-south road connecting the northern portion of the development (the Metro station and parking lot area) with the southern portion (the current A. H. Smith property). At the south end, this proposed new road would carry traffic from within the development to eastbound Greenbelt Road by means of an overpass.



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Babe Ruth in Greenbelt Is a Growing Success

by Chris Mincher

Expanded baseball and softball programs under the national Babe Ruth league have been brought to Greenbelt, and their success is drawing more local competitors to their ranks every year.

Fifteen years ago Greenbelt had only one team in the senior league of boy's baseball of the Babe Ruth league. Since then, the age 18-and-under team has been joined by an age 15-and-under junior league, and an age 13 league. And last summer Greenbelt helped usher in a new fast-pitch girls' softball league with an age 18-and-under league and a 14-and-under league. Next year, Babe Ruth intends to add a 12-and-under league as well, according to Kelly Ivy, who helped found the softball leagues.

"There weren't enough teams for leagues in Prince George's County that could accommodate my daughters," said Ivy, who has 17-year-old, 15-year-old, and 13-year-old daughters who all play softball, "I'm not going to stand for that."

Ivy had previously coached baseball and softball with the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club and the Catholic Youth Organization. When he decided to establish a softball league, he decided that there were not enough facilities in Greenbelt to hold a large-scale softball league.

Increased Numbers

Since founding the Babe Ruth league, he has increased the number of teams to 11 in the 18-and-under league and four in the 14-and-under, drawing competitors all the way from Bethesda, Chevy Chase, and the District of Columbia.

The baseball leagues draw eight to 10 teams for the senior league, 10 to 12 teams for the junior league, and four to eight teams for the age 13 league. The junior league was added about six years ago and the age 13 league was added about three years ago, according to Bob Sonneveldt, who is the president of both the Greenbelt Babe Ruth and Prince George's County Babe Ruth leagues.

No Jurisdictions

Ivy contributes Babe Ruth's success to the fact that the teams do not have jurisdictions. Any resident of the county can play on any team, which "keeps the coaches humble," he said.

"Nobody is stuck on a team" he said, "If you are a bad coach, the girls won't come back."

The lack of jurisdictions means that kids from school can play on the same team no matter where they live, even so much that high school softball teams keep their groups intact over the summer competition, Ivy said. Babe Ruth, which is a national organization based out of New Jersey, has rules that set roster sizes, so players must try out for spots, said Sonneveldt.

"The girls come in groups, and we can usually accommodate them all," Ivy said, "It promotes friendship, and the kids have a blast. We're getting pretty popular."

Ivy also noted that all the coaches and commissioners jointly run the league. "Changes have to be made by everybody involved," he said, "One person can't make big changes."

Competition

Teams from Prince George's County Babe Ruth can compete within the county, and an All-Star team may be assembled to compete within the state, the region, and eventually, if they make it, to an all-expense paid trip to the World Series, Sonneveldt said. "Our boys here in Prince George's County have made trips to the World Series. We have good programs here... Prince George's County is very active in Babe Ruth, and we will continue to expand."

"The Babe Ruth program here is one of the best in the states," Ivy said, noting that the softball program recently participated in the regional tournament in New Jersey, coming in third out of



The Prince George's County All Star Babe Ruth Girls fast pitch, 16 and under, softball team placed third out of eight teams at last summer's regional tournament in Pine Hill, New Jersey. From left, sitting: Jan Caraboo, Heather Hayes and Janet Reed; second row: Cari Brady, Cailin Fitzpatrick, Michelle Cookson, April Yakupkovic, and Amy Selkel; back row: Jamie Ivy, Amy Welch, Muriel Hopkins, Jen Day, Amanda Ivy, Rachel Christopher, and Amy Gromen.

eight teams, and has been featured on local news channels and cable networks.

"I've been very lucky with the coaches and people involved," he said. "Everybody's been really great"

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The first shot is good for one year. After receiving the second shot, a dog or cat must be revaccinated at least every three years. A ferret must be revaccinated every year.

The Prince George's County Health Department points out that 10,000 unwanted and homeless cats and dogs must be euthanized every year in the county alone.

POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Kidnapping

6200 block of Breezewood Drive, May 2, 9:42 a.m., a man was asleep at his residence when he heard a knock at his door. Upon opening the door he found two men, who identified themselves as police officers. They told the man that they needed him to come to the station in reference to an investigation. He left with the men, who handcuffed him. Once inside the men's vehicle, one of the men produced a gun and announced a robbery. They then drove to the victim's place of employment, a pawn shop in Wheaton. The robbers demanded the combination to the pawn shop safe, which the victim provided. The robbers then took money and jewelry from the safe and dropped off the victim at an unknown location in Beltsville. One suspect is described as black, in his 30s, 5'7", and 165 lbs., with black hair and a thin mustache; he was wearing a white dress shirt and tie and a dark vest and was armed with a handgun. The other suspect is described as white, in his 20s, and 6'1", with a thin build and short hair; he was wearing a dark suit and dark sunglasses. The vehicle is described as a white older-model four-door, possibly a Ford, with a beige interior and tinted windows.

Assault

5800 block of Cherrywood Lane, Apr. 27, 11:35 p.m., a 53-year-old male resident was arrested and charged with two counts of assault, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest. Officers responded to a report of an assault. The victim, a city employee, was looking at a vehicle in a parking lot when she was approached by the man, who began shouting profanities at her. The victim then attempted to get back into her vehicle, at which time the man closed the door on her leg several times. He then began to shout profanities at arriving officers, causing several people to gather. The man was arrested and had to be forcibly taken into custody. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

5900 block of Cherrywood Lane, Apr. 30, 1:01 a.m., a man was a passenger in a vehicle that had just dropped off another person in a parking lot when a stranger opened the car door and pulled him out of the car. The victim attempted to call the police on his cellular telephone. The assailant took the phone, threw it to the ground, and began to choke the victim. The victim picked up the cell phone again, at which time the man fled. The victim required no medical attention. The suspect is described as Hispanic, 30 years of age, 5'7", and 200 lbs., with long black hair; he was wearing a black-sleeve shirt and black pants.

Drugs

6000 block of Springhill Drive, Apr. 29, 12:10 a.m., a 41-year-old male resident was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia after an

officer observed him in a laundry room holding a pipe commonly used to smoke crack cocaine. The man was released on citation pending trial.

Unattended Child

9100 block of Springhill Lane, May 5, 12:30 p.m., a 39-year-old female resident was arrested and charged with leaving a child unattended. An officer was flagged down by citizens who observed an unattended one-year-old walking down Springhill Lane. The child was located and brought to the station. The mother responded to the station and was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary and Theft

Roosevelt Center, Apr. 29, 6:32 a.m., a delivery of food left at the front of the Mini Mart was taken.

Marriott Courtyard, Apr. 29, 1:48 p.m., a cellular telephone was taken from the lobby.

Marriott Hotel, Apr. 30, 10:45 a.m., an unattended cellular telephone was taken from the loading dock area.

6100 block of Springhill Terrace, Apr. 30, 12:53 p.m., clothing was removed from a laundry room dryer.

2 court of Plateau Place, Apr. 30, 5:21 p.m., a residence was entered by unknown means but nothing was taken.

7800 block of Walker Drive, May 1, 1:26 p.m., several computer parts and personal items were removed from various office suites.

Greenbelt Metro station, May 1, 3 p.m., a cellular telephone was taken from an unattended purse.

Bally Total Fitness in Greenway Shopping Center, May 2, 7:26 p.m., a wallet was taken from an unsecured locker.

Cinnabon in Beltway Plaza Mall, May 3, 9:15 a.m., an unattended purse was taken.

7700 block of Hanover Parkway, May 3, 10 a.m., a wallet and checkbook were taken from a purse.

Trespassing

T.G.I. Friday's, Apr. 28, 12:31 a.m., a 29-year-old male nonresident was arrested and charged with trespassing. He had been told to leave the restaurant earlier in the evening for acting disorderly. He complied but returned a short time later and was arrested. He was released on citation pending trial.

5900 block of Greenbelt Road, Apr. 30, 12:50 a.m., a 49-year-old male nonresident and a 38-year-old male nonresident were arrested and charged with trespassing. They had been banned from the store earlier in the evening. They were arrested and released on citations pending trial.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Apr. 30, 4:17 p.m., a 16-year-old male nonresident was arrested for trespassing. The youth, a former student, was told to leave the property earlier in the day. He was arrested when he returned to the school and was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Vandalism

7900 block of Mandan Road,

Cuts in COPS Program May Affect Greenbelt

Congressman Steny Hoyer rode along with Greenbelt police officers on April 18 to discuss how President Bush's cuts to the successful and popular Community Oriented Policing Services program (COPS) would affect their department.

The Greenbelt Police Department has received \$375,000 in grants since the program's inception in 1994, which has allowed the department to hire the equivalent of five new police officers. Four of these officers staff the Community Bicycle Officers division, which patrols Greenbelt's neighborhoods by bike and was made possible by grants from the COPS program. Congressman Hoyer met with two of these officers to ride along on their beat to see first-hand how community policing benefits Greenbelt.

President Bush's budget proposes a 17 percent cut in COPS funding (\$182 million), which will have an impact on Maryland police departments.

Since 1994, the COPS program has funded over 110,000 officers, through grants to more than 12,000 law enforcement agencies, covering 87 percent of the country. The state of Maryland has received over \$169 million in grants and 2,566 new police officers (or the equivalent) have been put on the streets.

In February, Hoyer joined 33 other members of Congress in sending a letter to President Bush urging him to maintain funding for the COPS program. Hoyer stated, "Unfortunately, President Bush... has chosen to ignore the overwhelming evidence that shows this program is worthy of receiving support from his administration. I will continue to fight for this program every step of the way."

Apr. 29, 5:29 a.m., someone shot out the sliding glass door of a residence.

Vehicle Crimes

9100 block of Edmonston Road, Apr. 29, a 16-year-old male resident was arrested for theft and driving without a license. The youth was hired to wash and detail the victim's 1991 Volkswagen Golf GTI two-door. After cleaning the car the youth drove the vehicle away. He was arrested when he returned and was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Area of Megan Lane and Greenbury Drive, Apr. 30, a man observed a youth attempting to enter his vehicle. Upon seeing the man, the youth fled.

A green 1993 Jeep Cherokee with Maryland tags M403378 was stolen Apr. 27 from Beltway Plaza Mall.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7400 block of Greenbelt Road, 7600 block of Ora Glen Drive, 7700 block of Hanover Parkway, 100 block of Westway, 6400 block of Capitol Drive, 6200 and 9100 blocks of Springhill Lane, 6200 block of Springhill Drive, 6200 block of Breezewood Drive, and 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane.

Southway Woman Found in Beltsville

The death of Southway resident Tessa Mae Osborne, 18, who was shot several times, is being investigated by U. S. Park Police. Her body was found last week in the 8800 block of Beaver Dam Road, a remote area of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center over which Park Police have jurisdiction. Anyone with information

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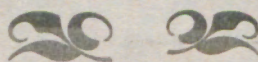
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BUDGET

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cants showed up for testing, however, and just nine of them passed the initial written and physical tests, and pre-background interview. Nonetheless, O'Neill said that his goal is to fill the seven current vacancies by July 31.

Greenbelt is not alone in having a shortage of dispatchers. Craze said that the Municipal Police Chiefs Association of Prince George's County is beginning to explore the possibility of establishing a central communications network for municipalities.

Red-Light Cameras

The city has moved a little closer to implementing its red-light camera program: most of the poles for the cameras have been installed. However, the cameras have not yet been delivered. The city still hopes to have the cameras operational sometime in May.

Councilmember Edward Putens again pressed Treasurer Jeffrey Williams and McLaughlin to increase their estimates of revenue from the cameras. However, McLaughlin reminded him that council decided to pay the cost of the cameras and installation up-front, rather than pay a larger cut of the ticket revenue. Thus, the city must collect approximately \$150,000 before it actually makes any money from the program.

Racial Profiling

Recently passed state legislation requires departments to track the race/ethnicity of those they stop. Although Craze assured council that he had never seen officers using profiling in Greenbelt, he had some concerns about this legislation. Craze worried that it makes no adjustment for the areas a department serves. Departments in majority African-American Prince George's County, he noted, would stop a higher proportion of African-Americans than would officers in other jurisdictions. Even the professor who will be overseeing the statistics gathered under this law, Craze said, shared some of these concerns.

In response to council questions, Craze said that the officer making the stop would visually determine the race/ethnicity of the person without asking the person involved. Davis and Councilmember Rodney Roberts questioned the accuracy of such assessments, a concern shared by Craze.

More Cameras

The city could soon have red-light cameras, video cameras in police cars and more surveillance cameras in public places. During the next fiscal year, Craze's staff will be evaluating in-car video cameras. The tapes would be useful in preparing cases for court and in evaluating officers' conduct, said Craze.

Video cameras in Roosevelt Center have worked very well, according to the chief, and are being considered in two other locations — the Gladys Noon Spellman Overpass over the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and the restroom facility planned for Buddy Attick Park. The camera at the park is already included in the budget.

Calls vs. Reports

Statistics on the number of calls for service (up 74 percent since 1996) and the number of

police reports filed (down 8 percent since 1996) were questioned by both Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmember Alan Turnbull. Both wanted to know why the two statistics were not more consistent. Craze said that, contrary to public perception, most police calls involve conflict resolution rather than crimes. For these, officers more often make a referral than an arrest, and do not write a report. The department's community oriented policing programs, he said, are making citizens more familiar, and comfortable, with the police, and hence generating more calls for service.

Similarly, Turnbull asked why the number of traffic summons had dropped 44 percent during the same time period (1996 - 2000) that traffic accidents increased by 1 percent. Craze said if an officer discovers drugs, or finds that a warrant has been issued for the driver, the officer will make an arrest based upon the more serious charge and will not issue a traffic citation.

The high call volume for patrol officers has also reduced the time they have available for traffic enforcement. Turnbull asked Craze why, then, he had not come to council seeking to beef up the city's traffic enforcement capabilities.

Part-time Officers?

Putens suggested hiring retired officers on a part-time basis. Craze was not interested in part-time officers. The city would have to equip them at significant expense, (including expanding the city's fleet of police cars) and provide continuing training, he noted. In addition, other chiefs he contacted who had part-time officers had found the part-time officers costly and difficult to schedule, and did not recommend them to other departments. Although Putens envisioned these officers as solely for traffic enforcement, Craze argued that the department's priority need is for patrol officers and that, if part-time officers were hired, they would end up running calls.

See and Purchase Rare Rhododendrons

An azalea and rhododendron flower show and plant sale will be held Saturday, May 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the U.S. National Arboretum. Rare and unusual azaleas and rhododendrons may be purchased, and admission is free.

Theater Gets "Newer" Seats

by Eileen Peterson

The Old Greenbelt Theatre's marquee is dark tonight — and will be for seven days — before blazing again for the evening showing on Friday, May 18.

Movie-goers that night will be the first to enjoy newer, extra-padded chairs being installed now.

Comfort, Cup Holders

Paul Sanchez, president of P&G Theatres and operator of the movie house here, is excited about the partial redecorating of the historic theater's interior.

"We'll have the same number of seats — 475 — but there will be more of the varied-size seats, and the plush padding makes them more comfortable," he explains. The seat backs are beige plastic, and the fabric is a dark brown. Each seat has a cup holder.

Everything Out

During the past four days, workmen have unbolted all but 100 of the current seats. After tonight's movie, these seats were taken down. The seats were given away to anyone who came by.

Help from Friends

A generous grant from Friends of the Old Greenbelt Theatre is offsetting some of the considerable expense of the seats and carpet replacement and the painting of the floor in a battleship gray.

Sanchez remarks that the promotion of the theater by the Friends (FOGT) with fund drives and such special events as the independent films festival and the visit of It's a Wonderful Life's "Zuzu" this past winter has introduced this historic theater to a wider audience. "And once they come here," he reflects, "they come back again."

Reopens Friday

The reopening in time for a week of the movie Pollock, about the life of the artist Jackson Pollock, is the prelude to the world-wide premiere of Pearl Harbor on Friday, May 25.

Needs More Hands

Sanchez anticipates larger than usual crowds for Memorial Day weekend, and he is soliciting extra help on a temporary basis to sell and take tickets and to sell refreshments (see classified ad).

Azalea Sale

Find the perfect Mother's Day gift Sunday May 13, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at a sale of unusual

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Joe's Tip of the Week

Hello Again!

Here we go again? With the price of gasoline on the rise, it seems there is concern about just how much we will pay for it, and how long a tank full will last. Of course we all want it to last as long as possible, so we travel as far as possible on a gallon. With the summer vacation season, we use the air conditioning, and this adds to fuel consumption. It's important to make our vehicles fuel efficient, to get the most out of a gallon of gasoline. Nobody can guarantee huge increases in mileage but a little preventive maintenance sure can help in a HUGE way.

Start out with a fresh set of SPARK PLUGS and properly functioning IGNITION SYSTEM, so that the engine will burn the gasoline completely. Clean FILTERS will reduce restrictions that cause stress loads that force the engine and components to work harder, using more fuel. All the vital engine and component FLUIDS break down over time, causing unpredictable wear due to increased friction. So it's important to maintain all fluids.

One hidden condition that can reduce gasoline efficiency is the BRAKE SYSTEM. We see a lot of brake systems that actually keep the brakes applied, when they should be FULLY released. This occurs more often than one would think, to the point that the drivers think the brakes feel normal because they've been like that for so long. The brakes will actually keep the wheels from turning freely, and the entire engine and transmission have to force the wheel to rotate under severe stress loads, robbing your vehicle of fuel efficiency. With the price of fuel nearing \$2+ per gallon we want to try to get the MOST out of it.

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The Acme Clown Month parade led off the Artful Afternoon celebration of the Greenbelt Arts Center. The parade was led by Greenbelt Clown

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In the Community Center gym, the Youth Theater performs Secret Circus.



Artist Kurt Godwin stands beside his work, "Plan for Heaven's Gate, patent pending/not-to-scale traveling salesman's-mold."



Visitors to the Artful Afternoon at the Community Center enjoying a hands-on silk painting workshop led by Diane Tuckman.

• photo by Pam Lambird

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Maria del Mar Lopez



Dancer Laura Schandelmeier performs before a backdrop of art work.



The Arts Center Reflex Improv Group (left to right) Jim Adams, Brian Johnson and Vern Rosemat also performed at Roosevelt Center.



Hansel and Gretel is performed by (left to right) Shane Doyle, Katy Jackson and Maureen Sullivan in front of Roosevelt Center's statue.

Artful Afternoon Was Entertaining and Fun

by Pam Lambird

Artful Afternoons, sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department, take place on the first Sunday of the month at the Community Center. They involve the center's Artists in Residence as well as workshops and performing arts events. On Sunday, May 6, with participation of the Greenbelt Association of Visual Arts (GAVA) and the Greenbelt Museum, artists held their monthly open house in the second floor studios. Many of the afternoon activities were circus-related; after all this is clown month in the City of Greenbelt. The Street Theatre Parade arrived on the Community Center lawn. The Three Ring Circus reception, artists' talks and dance performance with Laura Schandelmeier were held in the gallery, though not all at the same time. Comedy and juggling with Rich Potter took place in the lobby. The Secret Circus Revue rounded out the afternoon with a performance in the gym.

A photo/document workshop was offered by the Greenbelt Museum.

Artist Diane Tuckman presented a hands-on silk painting demonstration and workshop. About 25 participants from as young as three to it's-not-polite-to-ask, tried their hand at silk painting. Diane explained various techniques based on the age and confidence of the individual. Her positive approach to teaching builds confidence, as she always finds something good to say about a silk painting by one of her students. She simply teaches the techniques and does little or no brushwork herself, allowing creativity to be unleashed and "happy accidents" to occur. Tuckman, along with her co-author Jan Janas, has written three books on silk painting. In addition to teaching and writing, Tuckman also heads SPIN (Silk Painters International), sells supplies (because local craft stores usually carry only paint and she prefers the vibrant colors produced by dyes), runs intensive two-day workshops, and coordinates silk painting art shows.

The next Artful Afternoon will be June 3, when a Literary Arts Festival will be offered.



Rich Potter, Comedy, Juggling and Other Disasters, performed in the lobby of the Community Center.